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C O N F I D E N T I A L DOUALA 187

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SUBJECT: EQUATORIAL GUINEA PRESIDENT TO EXPLORE OCAM CONNECTION

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1. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE CLOSE TO PRESIDENT MACIAS, THE LATTER IS PLANNING VISITS TO BOTH LIBREVILLE AND YAOUNDE TO EXPLORE WITH PRESIDENTS BONGO AND AHIDJO THE POSSIBILITY OF AFFILIATING EQUATORIAL GUINEA WITH OCAM. THE VISIT TO LIBREVILLE IS SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE 26-29 JUNE, AND AN ADVANCE PARTY LED BY MINISTERS OF INTERIOR MASIE LEFT SANTA ISABEL FOR LIBREVILLE ON 21 JUNE. THE DATES FOR THE VISIT TO YAOUNDE ARE NOT YET KNOWN, BUT SOURCE THOUGHT IT MIGHT TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES FOR THE PUNT, SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT BATA ON 7 JULY. (NOTE: PRESIDENT AHIDJO LEFT YAOUNDE JUNE 24 FOR WHAT IS EXPECTED TO BE TWO- WEEK PRIVATE VISIT TO DAKAR.) PRESIDENT MACIAS LEFT FOR
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BATA ALSO ON 21 JUNE, HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE MAINLAND SINCE JANUARY, WHEN REPORTEDLY SECURITY CONCERNS LED TO THE ARREST OF HIS CHIEF BODYGUARD.

2. COMMENT: THE ECONOMIES OF DISTRESSED SANTA ISABEL (SEE REFTTEL) AND FOREVER BACKWARD RIO MUNI CONTINUE ON A DOWNWARD SLIDE. IF INDEED SOURCE IS CORRECT ON EG INTEREST IN OCAM AFFILIATION IT WOULD PERHAPS BE ILLUMINATING OF INSUFFICIENTLY PROFITABLE GOEG RELATIONS WITH VARIOUS SOCIALIST STATES AS WELL AS SPAIN THAT PRESIDENT MACIAS HAD OVERCOME HIS SUSPICIONS OF THE MOTIVES OF FRANCE AND OCAM PARTNERS. FROM CONVERSATIONS ON THE ISLAND 10-21 JUNE WITH VARIOUS MEMBERS OF SPANISH EMBASSY, I DO NOT HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT SPANISH ARE AWARE OF POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSIONS DEALING WITH OCAM, A MOVE WHICH THEY WOULD CONSIDER TO BE IN OPPOSITION TO THEIR BASIC POLICY OF MAINTAINING THE "HISPANIETY" OF EG.
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